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SUBJECT: CODEL DAVIS

1. CODEL DAVIS DESCRIBED HIS APRIL 19-20 VISIT TO THE PHILIPPINES AS BRIEF BUT EDUCATIONAL. CODEL VISITED SUBIC APRIL 20 AND RECEIVED FULL BRIEFING ON ACTIVITIES OF U.S. NAVAL BASE, WITH SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON MILITARY CONSTRUCTION REQUIREMENTS. CODEL SAID THAT HE FOUND THE CURRENT U.S. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION NEEDS IN THE PHILIPPINES "MORE PRESSING AND IMPORTANT" THAN HE HAD PREVIOUSLY BELIEVED. CODEL HELD BACK FROM PROMISING ANY ACTION BY THE HOUSE ARMED SERVICES COMMITTEE IN MEETING THESE REQUIREMENTS BUT SUGGESTED THAT SUBIC AND CLARK MAKE THEIR CASE TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE "WHO HAS A SPECIAL FUND WHICH NOW STANDS AT MORE THAN \$23 MILLION" WHICH COULD BE DRAWN UPON. THIS SUGGESTION SHOULD BE FOLLOWED UP.

2. DELEGATE WON PAT OF GUAM, WHO ACCOMPANIED CODEL TO PHILIPPINES AT LAST MINUTE, WAS PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN SUBIC OPERATION COMMENTING SEVERAL TIMES THAT "ALL THESE JOBS SHOULD BE IN GUAM."

3. CHARGE' HOSTED STAG DINNER APRIL 20 WHICH EXPOSED CODEL AND DELEGATE WON PAT TO REPRESENTATIVE CROSS-SECTION OF PHILIPPINE MILITARY.

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